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SUBJECT:

FIRE IN INDIAN SHIP LOADING AT KARACHI PORT

1. DURING EVENING JULY JHR INDIAN VESSEL "VISHVA VIR",
WHICH WAS LOADING RAW COTTON IN KARACHI PORT, CAUGHT
FIRE IN NO. 1. HOLD.

2. SENIOR OFFICIAL KPT INFORMED CONGEN JULY 25 THAT
FIRE WAS WELL UNDER CONTROL FOLLOWING CLOSURE NO. 1
HATCH AND INTRODUCTION NO 2 INTO HOLD BELOW. KPT

OFFICIAL SAID 1500 BALES OF RAW COTTON HAD BEEN LOADED
INTO NO. 1 HOLD WITH VERX APPROXIMATE VALUE OF ABOUT
\$3 MILLION. ALL CARGO IN NO. 1 HOLD DAMAGED TO SOME
DEGREE BUT OFFICIAL ESTIMATED A GOOD PART OF THIS CARGO,
WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE UNLOADED, COULD BE SALVAGED.
KPT BELIEVES FIRE STARTED FROM FAULT IN ELECTRIC WIRING
SYSTEM OF SHIP.

3. KPT OFFICIAL'S OBSERVATIONS GENERALLY CONFIRMED
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STORY BY STAFF REPORTER WHICH APPEARED IN JULY 15 KARACHI

URDU DAILY "MUSAWAAT". PRESS ACCOUNT ATTRIBUTED FIRE
TO ACCIDENTAL COLLISION OF LOADING DING WITH SEARCHLIGHT,
WHICH SHATTERED BULBS AND CAUSED SHORT CIRCUIT AND SPARK
RESULTING IN FIRE. CONGEN LOCAL EMPLOYEE VISITED FIRE
SCENE MORNING JULY 25 AND REPORTED FIRE UNDER CONTROL
AND SITUATION CALM. NEITHER KPT OFFICIAL PRESS, NOR
CONGEN LOCAL REPORTED EVIDENCE OF OR INSINUATED POSSIBLE
SABOTAGE.
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